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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following copending and commonly assigned patent application to the

Examiner's attention:

BPB [U.S. Patent Application No. 09/497,181 to SAWADA, entitled "Home Network Gateway

Apparatus and Home Network Device", which was filed on February 3, 2000.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

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